

**Amendment to Claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sock, especially for use in sports activities, characterized in that the sole presents a rounded stepping area (13), said rounded stepping area being constructed and arranged in the shape of an arch (131) for supporting the rolling motion of the foot during walking or running, said arch being directed outward.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 1, characterized in that at least one climate channel (26) is provided in the stepping area (13).

5. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 4, characterized in that the air channels (25) are provided on the inner side of the leg and/or on the outer side of the leg of the sock.

6. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 5, characterized in that the air channels (25) are connected with at least one climate channel (26) in the stepping area (13).

7. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 6, characterized in that the climate channels (26) in the stepping area (13) present an arc-shaped pattern.

8. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 7, characterized in that the climate channels (26) present partial narrowings (261).

9. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 8, characterized in that the climate channels (26) present a substantially circular cross section.

10. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 9, characterized in that the

climate channels (26) are interconnected by a central channel (262).

11. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 10, characterized in that air channels (25) and the climate channels (26) are made of the same material.

12. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 11, characterized in that the air channel (25) consists of a climate regulating cross knitted fabric.

13. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 12, characterized in that the climate channel (26) consists of a climate regulating cross knitted fabric.

14. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 13, characterized in that sock is fitted with an X-Cross bandage (24).

15. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 14, characterized in that the sock presents pads (22, 23).

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 1, characterized in that the air channels (25) are provided on the inner side of the leg and/or on the outer side of the leg of the sock.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 17, characterized in that at least one climate channel (26) is provided in the stepping area (13).

20. (Previously Presented) A sock, according to Claim 19, characterized in that the air channels (25) are connected with at least one climate channel (26) in the stepping area (13).